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1. The repairing, enlarging, and strengthening of the entire road from Budapest to Oroszvar (Czechoslovakian border) is finished. The route is surfaced with the best quality asphalt, and the width varies from 6 to 8 meters. Two small bridges between Komárom and Gönyű have been enlarged and reinforced.
2. Between Győr and Medve, Czechoslovakia, the macadam road, Route 15, has been widened and strengthened for a distance of ten kilometers.
3. The road between Mosonmagyaróvár and Hegyeshalom, Route 853, has been enlarged.
4. Between Győr and Sopron the surface of asphalt road, Route 85, has been resurfaced and the road widened. It is 6 to 9 meters wide.
5. Between Győr and Székesfehérvár, Hungarian prisoners are building new secondary roads, and resurfacing with macadam a section 22 kilometers long. The exact location is unknown.
6. Between Győr and Veszprém, the road, Route 82, has been repaired and widened by Russian and Hungarian soldiers. It is eight meters wide and covered with macadam.
7. Between Győr and Pápa, the road, Route 826, is being widened to a width of 6 to 8 meters.
8. The following roads are being surfaced with macadam: Sopron-Rabaidveg (Routes 84 and 841); Fertőszentmiklós-Kőszeg (Routes 85, 829, and 845); Kőszeg-Sárvár. These roads are under Russian supervision. Between Pápa and Komárom, the road, Routes 808, 812, and 822, has been completely resurfaced; the maximum width is six meters.
9. Between Gic and Pápteszer, Route 822, repairs have not yet been finished.

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10. Budapest-Rabafüzés - Routes 7 and 6. The road is surfaced with asphalt, 8 to 10 meters wide, and slightly wider between Veszprém and Varoslód, and from Kam to Rabahidveg. The road, Route 74, from Veszprém and Tapolca has been completely resurfaced, and widened by a meter.
11. The three roads from Veszprém to Füzfő have been completely repaired. Two of these roads are open to the public, and the third one, Route 74, is used exclusively for military traffic.
12. The road from Vasvár to Zalaegerszeg and to Szigartohaza, Routes 75, 73, 733, and 722, has been resurfaced with macadam and widened so that it has a uniform width of seven meters.
13. The road Zalaszentiván-Zalaegerszeg-Gyekenyes, Routes 733 and 649, to the frontier has been rebuilt and surfaced with macadam. The section between Zalaszentihály and Felsőrajk has been widened.* The route was not finished by the middle of September but special brigades of Hungarian prisoners were being used to speed the project up.
14. Routes 71 and 7 from Budapest to Keszthely. Both these routes, circling Lake Balaton, have been repaired and their surfaces strengthened. It has been given out that Russian troops are stationed to the north of the lake and in the vicinity of Veszprém. These roads are constantly patrolled by Russian Military Police.
15. The road from Keszthely to Nagykanizsa, Route 7, with a macadam surface, has been widened, and now has a uniform width of eight meters.
16. The road Balatonkeresztúr-Baracs (sic, possibly Barcs), is constantly patrolled by the AVO and Russian Military Police.
17. The road from Balatonboglár to Kaposvár was repaired and widened in 1946, and that from Balatonföldvár-Kaposvár to Szigetvár in 1949.**
18. The road from Siófok to Szekszárd, Routes 622 and 612, has been repaired and surfaced with macadam; Route 612 is under construction.
19. The road, Székesfehérvár to Dunaföldvár, Route 602, is still under construction; the first twenty kilometers to Sarosd have already been repaired, surfaced with macadam, and widened.
20. The road from Székesfehérvár to Dunapentele, Route 603, is completely repaired. It has been enlarged to a uniform width of six and one half meters.
21. Budapest-Udvár, Route 6. This road was severely damaged during the war. Repair work was being carried out as follows: From Budapest to Dunaföldvár, the asphalt surface is 7 to 8 meters wide. From Dunaföldvár to Paks, the road was to have been finished by the middle of August. A stretch of five kilometers from Tolna is finished; from Tolna to Szekszárd, Vardomb to Bataszek, and Mohács to the frontier is also finished.
22. The Russians have built a road from Szekszárd to the Danube. The other section of the route from Alsónyék to Baja, as well as that which goes 5 to 11 kilometers south of Paks to the Danube are under Russian control.
23. Orders have been given to the Ministry of Communications that the following roads must be constantly kept in perfect condition:

Oroszvár-Győr-Veszprém-Keszthely-Barcs

Győr-Székesfehérvár-Dunaföldvár-Mohács

Komárom-Székesfehérvár-Balatonkeresztúr-Redics

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Budapest-Dunaföldvár

Veszprem-Rabafüzes, Route 8

Budapest-Székesfehérvár (both the roads encircling Lake Balaton)

Sopron-Sárvár-Gyekenyes

Szombathely-Zalaölvő-Pedics, Route 735

Instructions regarding these roads require that any damage must be immediately reported to a group of workers who have been formed especially to maintain these roads. Bridges and grade-crossings are guarded by partisans.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment: The Zalaszentmihály to Felsőrajk road is a small secondary one.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment: There is no single direct road from Balatonkeresztúr-Kaposvár-Szigetvár.

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